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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN MARCH 1 TO GIVE GOT'S VERSION OF FEBRUARY 17-21 CYPRUS TALKS IN VIENNA AND OF WHAT WAS AGREED TO AT THAT SESSION. ESENBEL CLAIMED, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY HEARD FROM THE TURKS, THAT DESPITE BITSIOS-CAGLAYANGIL AGREEMENT AT BRUSSELS IN DECEMBER, CLERIDES WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AT VIENNA. ACCORDING TO ESENBEL, IT WAS ANKARA'S INSTRUCTIONS TO DENKTASH TO KEEP THE VIENNA TALKS GOING AT ALL COSTS SO THAT TURKISH SIDE WOULD NOT BE TAGGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR BREAKDOWN WHICH CAUSED DENKTASH TO ENGAGE CLERIDES IN A DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLES RELATING TO
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A TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT, THUS PROLONGING THE VIENNA TALKS

AND MAKING POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON THE NEXT STEPS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. READING FROM A TELEGRAM FROM THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ESENBEL SAID THAT IN VIENNA THE TWO SIDES AGREED, IN WALDHEIM'S PRESENCE, TO THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO, WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE VIENNA MINUTES: (1) WITHIN SIX WEEKS OF THE VIENNA MEETINGS, CLERIDES WILL GIVE DENKTASH A TERRITORIAL

PROPOSAL; (2) DENKTASH WILL RESPOND WITHIN TEN DAYS THEREAFTER; (3) THE TALKS WILL RESUME IN VIENNA IN MAY; AND (4) THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION WILL THEN BE REFERRED TO A SUBCOMMITTEE ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY WILL BE REPRESENTED. ESENBEL SAID THE PRECISE NATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AT CLERIDES' REQUEST.

3. COMMENT: THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH ESENBEL'S RENDERING OF THE VIENNA AGREEMENT DIFFERS FROM THE VIENNA COMMUNIQUE OF FEBRUARY 21 IS THAT THE COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR BOTH SIDES TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS ON THE MAIN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WITHIN SIX WEEKS.

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